

# Low Gravity Drug Stability Analyzer, Phase II

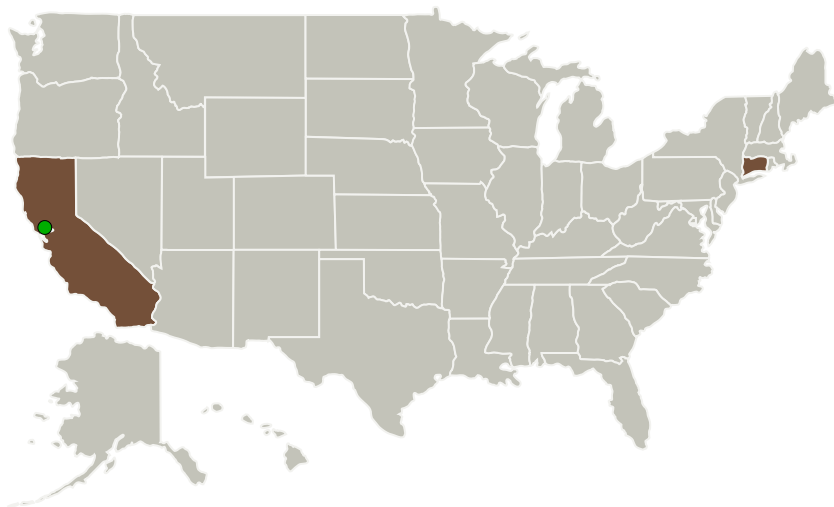
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## Project Introduction

The goal of this proposed program through Phase III is to build a space-worthy Drug Stability Analyzer that can determine the extent of drug degradation. It will be able to monitor the drug active pharmaceutical ingredient (API) and its degradation product concentrations as a function of time, as well as determine if a drug is suitable for use. This will be accomplished by designing and building a rugged, small, low mass, low power, easy to use analyzer that can identify and quantify API and degradation products with little or no sample handling in 1 minute. Feasibility was successfully demonstrated during Phase I by measuring acetaminophen, azithromycin, epinephrine, lidocaine, and their degradation products in mixtures and during reaction with a 1-4% limit of detection. The API's were also successfully measured in commercial products. During the Phase II program a prototype Drug Stability Analyzer, suitable for space deployment will be built and used to measure the degradants of all the ISS medical kit drugs (>100) with an accuracy goal of 2% and a precision goal of 1% within 1 minute. The Drug Stability Analyzer will be transitioned from a TRL 3 to a 7 (ground tested).

## Primary U.S. Work Locations and Key Partners



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Organizations Performing Work	Role	Type	Location
Real-Time Analyzers, Inc.	Lead Organization	Industry	Middletown, Connecticut
● Ames Research Center(ARC)	Supporting Organization	NASA Center	Moffett Field, California

Primary U.S. Work Locations	
California	Connecticut

## Project Transitions

▶ **May 2014:** Project Start

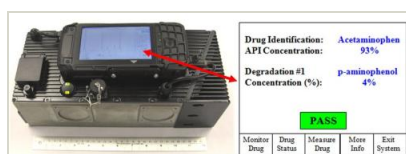
✓ **June 2018:** Closed out

**Closeout Summary:** Low Gravity Drug Stability Analyzer, Phase II Project Image

**Closeout Documentation:**

- Final Summary Chart Image(<https://techport.nasa.gov/file/137619>)

## Images



**Briefing Chart Image**

Low Gravity Drug Stability Analyzer, Phase II

(<https://techport.nasa.gov/image/127785>)



**Final Summary Chart Image**

Low Gravity Drug Stability Analyzer, Phase II Project Image  
(<https://techport.nasa.gov/image/131345>)

## Organizational Responsibility

**Responsible Mission Directorate:**

Space Technology Mission Directorate (STMD)

**Lead Organization:**

Real-Time Analyzers, Inc.

**Responsible Program:**

Small Business Innovation Research/Small Business Tech Transfer

## Project Management

**Program Director:**

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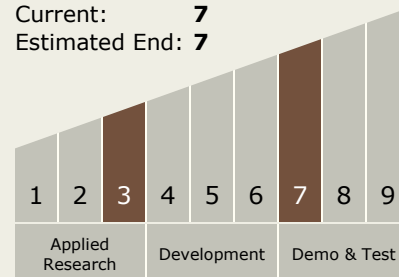
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### Technology Maturity (TRL)

Start: **3**  
Current: **7**  
Estimated End: **7**



### Technology Areas

#### Primary:

- TX06 Human Health, Life Support, and Habitation Systems
  - └ TX06.3 Human Health and Performance
    - └ TX06.3.1 Medical Diagnosis and Prognosis

### Target Destinations

The Moon, Mars, Outside the Solar System, The Sun, Earth, Others Inside the Solar System